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NEXT SESSION.

Place	Lone Oak
Preacher	Elder E. B. Hatcher
Alternate	Elder G. S. Jenkins

OFFICERS

J. W. Crump, Blue Mountain, Miss., Moderator
J. J. McKinstry, Blue Mountain, Miss., Clerk
J. P. Byrd, Blue Mountain, Miss., Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, Chairman

Eld. W. T. Lowrey

Eld. E. B. Crump

J. J. McKinstry

J. P. Byrd

J. A. Griffin

A. H. McAlister

G. W. Deen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Call for Petitionary Letters.
- (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- (3) Appoint committees.
- (4) Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
- (5) Select place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the sermon.
- (6) Appoint correspondents.
- (7) Call for reports.
- (8) Elect Executive Board.
- (9) Miscellaneous business.
- (10) Call roll of delegates and mark absentees.

PROCEEDINGS

The Tippah Baptist Association met in its 58th annual session with Falkner church, September 8th, 1920.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Elder H. L. Whitten, text, theme.

Prayer. Adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 3 p. m., Bro. J. W. Crump, the former moderator, called the body to order. The congregation joined in singing the Roll Call. Eld. G. S. Jenkins led the prayer.

W. B. May and J. J. McKinstry were appointed reading clerks. Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Beulah, Bethlehem, Curtis Creek, Falkner, Flat Rock, Hunter's Chapel, Harmony, Lowrey Memorial, Mt. Olive, Macedonia, New Prospect, Oakland, Providence, Palmer, Pleasant Hill (T) Pine Grove (B), Ripley, Shady Grove, Tiplersville, Union.

The Association then proceeded to permanent organization. J. W. Crump was re-elected moderator, J. J. McKinstry, clerk, and J. P. Byrd, treasurer. The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9

At ten o'clock the association was called to order, the lateness of the hour being caused by rain. The congregation sang "Draw Me Nearer." The moderator led the devotional, reading the 23rd Psalm and making helpful comments. Eld. J. H. Gadd led in prayer. Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Letters were read and delegates seated from New Hope and Pleasant Hill (B). Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us and Bro. E. B. Pannell from Union County Association was recognized. The moderator then announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—R. A. Kimbrough, W. H. McElroy.

Home Missions—W. T. Lowrey, Harvey Gray.

State Missions—W. B. May, Harvey Robertson.

Christian Education—E. B. Hatcher, B. G. Lowrey, J. B. Maddox.

Woman's Work—Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, Mrs. Marlin Marsh.

Orphanage—H. L. Whitten, Robert Simpson.

Temperance—A. C. Anderson, T. W. Martindale.
 Publications—G. S. Jenkins, G. W. Deen.
 Finance—H. P. Biggers, Leslie Renick.
 Obituaries—J. J. McKinstry, J. H. Gadd.
 Hospitals—E. B. Hatcher, L. G. Cossitt, C. S. Britt.
 B. Y. P. U.—W. B. May, J. R. McInturf, Leslie Renick.
 75-Million Campaign—R. A. Kimbrough.
 Sunday Schools—R. A. Kimbrough.

The Constitution, Abstract of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were read.

Invitations were extended for the Association to meet next year at Union, Pleasant Hill (B) and Lone Oak. Lone Oak was selected as the place for the next meeting, with Eld. E. B. Hatcher to preach the sermon and Eld. G. S. Jenkins as alternate.

Correspondents with other bodies were appointed by the adoption of the following resolution: That any member of this body in good standing who shall be present with any other body with which we correspond shall be authorized to act as a messenger from this Association.

Eld. S. V. Gullett was elected messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, with Eld. W. B. May as alternate.

Leslie Renick was appointed to raise funds to pay expenses of delegate to the convention.

Eld. R. A. Kimbrough was re-elected member of State Mission Board from Tippah Association.

J. E. Byrd, representing the S. S. Board and Miss Fannie Traylor of Woman's Work, were recognized as messengers.

CALL FOR REPORTS

The reports on Foreign, State and Home Missions were read by R. A. Kimbrough, W. B. May and R. A. Kimbrough, respectively. The three reports were discussed by Brethrens Kimbrough, May and Collins, and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions

Mark 16:15—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May 1920, show we have 542 churches on foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches. 6,834 baptised 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership 57,434. These native churches contributed last year \$242,460.00 which is \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared

with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919 shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 544 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theologica Seminary with 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends: They offer a fertile field of direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our 14 medical missionaries could give 205,089 treatments during 1919; but they did, and preached the gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and sent the message into many homes which might have remained closed but for the effective medical missionary.

The 75-Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great board. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged on these foreign lands. The blessed encouragement that the success of our campaign has brought to our foreign missionaries who represent us at the front should give great satisfaction of all who had a worthy share in the campaign at home. It should make us resolve to meet our pledges fully that these dear workers in the far lands may be strengthened in their glorious tasks. Let every church and individual adopt careful plans for the collection of all pledges and more, that there may be no lack. We urge each individual and each church to pledge and pay through the 75-Million plan.

Sixty-five new missionaries were appointed this year. A large percentage of these have gone to China and Japan.

Thus the work grew under the favor of God. We see how it expands and we rejoice. Shall we not make His praise even more glorious by pressing forward now in the great day of our great advantage until "the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

W. H. McELROY.

Report on State Missions

Our State Mission work by order of the convention is divided into the following departments: (1) Church Extension, embracing pastors support and church building; (2) Enlistment and Associational Mission work; (6) Preachers Schools; (7) Educational Mission work; (8) Social Service. In addition to this there is assigned to the Convention Board and our State Mission forces the task of putting on all denominational programs launched by the convention, keeping the 75-Million Campaign prominently before our churches

and receiving, distributing and accounting for all the funds given on the 75-Million Campaign.

Our work this year is laid out on a basis of \$150,000 and the work being done by departments is as follows:

I. Church Extension. We are assisting 120 churches to pay their pastors, appropriating for this work \$23,000. This is a considerable increase over anything we have ever done before. Under this department we are also helping build 37 houses of worship and have appropriated \$31,170 for this work. 12 of these churches which we are helping to build were blown away by the cyclone last spring.

II. Enlistment and Associational Mission Work. We have in the field six general enlistment missionaries, one in each of the six districts, and 18 associational missionaries. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate the value of these men. Their task is the task assigned by the Master in the Great Commission. They are evangelists, teachers, pastors' helpers, church counselors and general denominational servants. In the future the key word in their work will be evangelism, which indeed is the very heart of all mission work.

III. Sunday School Work. The work in our Sunday School Department has been very successful this year. Brother J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary, is assisted by Rev. S. G. Posey and Miss Minnie Brown. These workers have rendered most excellent service. In addition to the regular appointments and institutes held in local churches, they have conducted 35 county normals in which 518 diplomas and awards have been given. The key word in their work, as it is in all of our work, is evangelism. Wherever they have gone they have stimulated the evangelistic spirit and in many places have had number of conversions.

IV. W. M. U. Work. The Woman's Missionary Union, under the leadership of Miss M. M. Lackey, Corresponding Secretary and Miss Fannie Traylor, Young Peoples' Leader, has had its greatest year of achievement. Three young women from the Training School have been teaching the W. M. U. Manual in the County Normals along with our Sunday School workers, and 143 Certificates have been given as a result of this work. "Evangelism" is the key note of the Personal Service of the W. M. U.

V. B. Y. P. U. Work. Brother Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary of our B. Y. P. U. work, has been making splendid progress. A large number of county B. Y. P. U. conventions have been organized and, in addition to the individual engagements and institutes held in local churches, Bro. Wilds has taught classes at encampments and in county conventions. There is now a most excellent spirit and promise of great things in our B. Y. P. U. work.

VI. Preacher Schools. Six preacher schools were held last March at Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Louisville, New Albany, Water Valley and Shelby. A most excellent program was carried out at each one of these schools and while the attendance was not large as it should have been, due to weather and road conditions, they accomplished real and lasting good.

W. B. MAY,
HARVEY ROBERTSON,

Committee.

Report on Home Missions

The foundations of America are fundamentally religious, and the only spirit which may be trusted adequately to safeguard them is that of Christian patriotism.

Christian Americanism is the work of Home Missions, which by bringing men to Christ, creates that righteousness that exalteth a nation. Our Baptist Home Mission Board is the out-standing of Southern Baptists for making America Christian. It has had a great record of successful service, but is now entering on a time of even larger opportunity and need.

In 1919 the missionaries of our board baptised one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far out-stripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of mountain schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

In soul-winning and nation-serving; in teaching the truth of Christ and conserving it; in building Christians up and maturing for the state the type of character that makes our Republic great, and in the end, must save it from disintegration, our board has been wonderfully used of God.

At its Annual Meeting in Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the work of the present year. Even with this appropriation, it had to decline many worthy appeals to enter wide open doors.

We commend our board for its faith and vision in grappling the stupendous tasks that now comfort us and in believing that our people will respond to such leadership. We recommend that constant prayers be made for the board, for its missionaries and for its work, and that we give it large and sustained support through our gifts to the 75-Million Campaign.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study books of the board.

The executive officer of the board is Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. For tracts, books, information, etc., address Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

At the conclusions of these discussions the association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The association met pursuant to adjournment, sang "How Firm a Foundation," and Bro. J. E. Byrd led in prayer.

Letter was read from Mt. Moriah.

The call for reports was resumed. Eld. E. B. Hatcher read the

report on Christian Education. It was discussed by Elders Hatcher and Kimbrough and J. E. Byrd, and adopted.

Report on Christian Education

The Christian school goes further than the state school in that the former seeks to fit the pupil not only to be a good citizen, but also to perform such duties of citizenship as a Christian. Christian education in our Baptist schools, seeks to produce useful Baptist leaders.

Southern Baptists have created an Educational Board, located at Birmingham, Ala., with Dr. W. C. James, Corresponding Secretary. The 75-Million Campaign designated about \$20,000,000 for the schools in the different states and for southwide schools. The Education Board will help in every way possible to develop our schools and to get our people to have the right idea of Christian education.

About half of the money goes for education in the south, included in the 75-Million fund, goes to the southwide schools, including the Seminary at Louisville, the Seminary at Ft. Worth, the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, the training School in Louisville and the Training School in Ft. Worth.

Something less than a million dollars in five years will go to Mississippi College at Clinton; Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg; Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, and Clarke College at Newton.

Dr. J. W. Provine is president of Mississippi College, whose enrollment last year reached nearly 400 and will probably exceed that number this year. The college will receive about \$350,000 in the five-year campaign to be used mostly in increasing the endowment.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey is president of Blue Mountain College, which comes this year into the possession of Mississippi Baptist, and will receive about \$150,000 from the campaign. They are in immediate need of enlargement to provide for the growing patronage.

Dr. J. L. Johnson is president of the Woman's College, which had last year an enrollment of 475 and turned away a hundred others for lack of room. The \$150,000 to be given this institution in the five years has already been expended in building dormitories.

Dr. T. A. J. Beasley is president of Clarke College, which is co-educational and had an excellent record of work last session. The \$75,000 intended for this school will be used in physical improvements. We have not room in our colleges for the boys and girls wishing to enter this session.

We call upon our parents to give careful attention to the selection of the right school for their boys and girls. Pastors have an unusual opportunity in influencing their young people in the interest of Christian education.

On motion of Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, the clerk was instructed to ask Brethren A. C. Anderson and H. L. Whitten to prepare reports on Temperance and the Orphanage respectively for publication in the minutes.

Report on Temperance

We feel that we have much to be proud of and grateful for in the progress that has been made along temperance lines within the past few months. The long hard fight for national prohibition has at last culminated in victory. The federal constitution has been so amended as to forbid the making or selling of intoxicating liquors anywhere within the territory of the United States. Strong laws have also been enacted for the enforcement of prohibition legislation and the Government is doing a good part along this line, but it is necessary to have the hearty cooperation of all local officers and also of the citizens of the country if the laws are enforced. Many illicit distilleries have been found in operation about over the country, and while none are known to be in operation within the territory of this association, yet it behooves us to always be on the look for all such violations of law and we should pledge ourselves as christian people to stand by and help the officers of the law to apprehend and destroy all such evils.

We are gratified to note the growth of temperance sentiment as well as legislation along this line and we believe firmly that the day is not far distant when the evil of liquor will be a thing entirely in the past and we should devoutly thank God as we look hopefully to this happy day. No greater evil has ever cursed the world than the whiskey demon and to see him pass out is to see the dawn of a new and brighter day for our people along religious, moral, mental and economic lines.

Let us talk temperance, preach temperance and practice temperance that we may have a well-earned part in the great victory that is to free the world from drunkenness, debauchery and sin.

A. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

The report on Obituaries was read by J. J. McKinstry and adopted.

Report on Obituaries

We, your committee, report the following deaths the past year: Blue Mountain 2, Union 1, Pleasant Hill 2, New Prospect 2, Flat Rock 1, Mt. Olive 2, Academy 2, Harmony 1, Pine Grove (B) 2, Hunter's Chapel 1, Falkner 1. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GADD,
J. J. McKINSTRY,
Committee.

Eld. R. A. Kimbrough read the report on Sunday Schools, was spoken to by himself and J. E. Byrd and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools

The supreme task of the Sunday School is to teach the Word of God. When the "Word" is rightly taught the result will be tw-fold; The lost will be brought to know the Saviour, and the saved will be

taught how to serve, which is the supreme task in the Christian life.—(Eph. 2:10.)

As a means to this end, several things need to be considered:

1. Organization. Organization is very vital. The church should see to it that the school is put on the road to success by electing officers who will give time and study to the school.

2. Trained Teachers. We cannot teach what we do not know, therefore it is absolutely necessary to have teachers who are trained. Each church must face this question. The last command is make disciples and then teach.

Each church should arrange for annual training school and then send the officers and teachers to the Sunday School County Normals held each year by our State Mission Board and Sunday School Board under the direction of the Sunday School Secretary; and send workers to our Sunday School Convention and Summer Assemblies.

3. Enlistment. We should feel our responsibility to all the people in our community and undertake, in a serious way, to bring them into our school.

4. Reports. We should see to it that our schools are correctly reported in the letter to the association, giving full enrollment, officers and statistics asked for in the letter form.

We want to urge the clerks of the associations to get a full report from every church before the minutes are printed. Then have a table printed in the minutes for Sunday School statistics, tabulating the statistics given in the associational letters. By all means give names and addresses of the superintendent and secretary.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work

Your committee on Woman's Work submits the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His handmaidens to carry out their part in the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.

There has never been a year like this year in which the women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission study courses have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 Sunbeams, a number of these being in Tippah Association.

Our women have shown their interests in the advancement of His Kingdom by the number of organizations for our young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention of Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam Bands and Girl's Auxiliaries. It is urged that each church foster the Auxiliaries.

The 75-Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Wo-

man's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However the fulfilment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are, 1st, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then to take up mission work, Tippah women having already paid their part. 2nd. The preparations of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc., to be sent to a hospital in China. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere help those women in the Lord.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore, societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family altars as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

The women desire to organize an associational W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Tippah Association. We recommend that Miss Mamie Spight be elected Associational Superintendent and that we meet one day, on a date different from the association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. A. KIMBROUGH,
MRS. MARLIN MARSH,
Committee.

The report on the 75-Million Campaign was read by Elder R. A. Kimbrough and adopted.

Report on the 75-Million Campaign

The 75-Million Campaign launched by Southern Baptists at the convention in Atlanta, has been carried successfully through its initial stages. The program as outlined called for a five-year budget of \$75,000,000 to be underwritten in cash and pledges the first week in December. The total subscriptions, cash and credits as reported by the Campaign Commission to the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington amounted to \$92,630,923.

In this campaign the denomination budgeted its work and for the first time in its history went before the churches with a well-thought out program of needs.

These objects with the amounts they were to receive out of the 75-Million Campaign are as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$20,000,000
Home Missions	12,000,000
State Missions	11,000,000
Christian Education	20,000,000
Hospitals	4,875,000
Orphanages	4,586,000
Ministerial Relief	2,500,000

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mississippi was appropriated \$3,500,000 of the 75-million to be raised. This amount was subscribed the first day of Victory Week and before the close of the week the subscriptions had amounted to \$4,209,585. We paid during the first year of the campaign \$862,196, being one of only two states which paid more than one-fifth of their pledge the first year.

The amount raised in Mississippi for the 75-Million Campaign is to be distributed on the following percentage basis:

Foreign Missions	25 per cent
Home Missions	16 per cent
State Missions	19 per cent
Christian Education	24 per cent
Hospitals	5 3-10 per cent
Orphanages	3 per cent
Ministerial Relief	1 4-10 per cent
Southwide Objects	4 per cent
General Objects	18-10 per cent

We call special attention to the importance of completing the task begun. We have affirmed that we would put into the treasury of the Lord for denominational purposes over \$800,000 a year. We must keep our promise. We have underwritten in faith, we must redeem in cash.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every church keep an accurate account with every subscriber to this fund, carrying forward from year to year the total amount pledged and the total amount paid on the pledge.
2. We suggest that a separate treasurer be elected for this fund and that he be instructed to secure each year a record book for keeping the accounts with the members. Also that special envelopes be secured and given to the members if desired.
3. That all remittances for amounts to be included in this fund be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec., of the State Convention Board at Jackson, Miss., so that the church can get credit on the books kept at the Jackson Headquarters Office.
4. That church treasurers send out statements to subscribers showing the amount of subscription, amount of payment and amount due if any regularly, at least each quarter.
5. That all new members coming into the churches be asked to make a pledge to this fund, and all persons who have not made a pledge be solicited for a cash contribution each quarter and that they be urged to give an average of as much as other members of the church are giving.
6. That church treasurers send in to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y., all amounts for this fund in hand each month so that it can go on to the objects participating, thereby saving interest to the denomination.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

Ministerial Education

The past session ending May 31, 1920, was a good one at both Mississippi and Clarke Colleges. 77 ministerial students were enrolled at Mississippi College and 37 at Clarke, making 114 in all.

President Provine and Dr. Beasley say that from present indications they will have more ministerial students this fall than ever before, and that a large percentage of them have families too. The housing question at both places has become a perplexing problem.

Mr. Will Dockery of Dockery, Miss., has promised to turn over to us about January 1, 1921, the sum of \$25,000 which we are to loan to worthy young ministers at 5 per cent, no student to receive more than \$250 any single year, and no year to use more than one-fifth of the total amount. Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HATCHER,
W. T. LOWREY,
J. B. MATTOX,

Committee.

The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Eld. W. B. May and adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. holds as its chief aim the training of young Christians in church membership. Baptist churches are democracies. The first essential in a successful democracy is intelligence. The B. Y. P. U. is the chief agency of Baptist churches in building an intelligent church membership.

The success of the 75-Million Campaign demonstrates the value of training such as the B. Y. P. U. gives. The campaign headquarters gives out the statement that where churches had B. Y. P. U.s operating successfully no trouble was had in reaching their quota. It was a campaign of enlistment in Christian living and Christian giving, and that is the work of the B. Y. P. U. Every phase of the B. Y. P. U. work is that of enlistment—enlistment in service, in Bible reading, in co-operation, in singing, in committee work, and in giving. Practically all of our A-1 unions report an average of more than 90 per cent givers and many of them report 100 per cent.

Of the 6,000 volunteers in answer to the "Calling out the Called" a large per cent were young men and young women who had received B. Y. P. U. Training. As a result in the B. Y. P. U. quarterly of, Feb. 15, 1920 on "Stewardship of Life" more than 500 young people wrote the Sunday School Board for literature and suggestions that would help them train for the ministry or for mission work. These facts show that young people come to decision for Christian service in the B. Y. P. U. as a result of the lessons in the quarterly, the Daily Bible Readings with their devotional appeal and the joy of service which they experience in doing church work at home.

The B. Y. P. U. work is increasing in popularity as it is being studied and understood. The circulation of the B. Y. P. U. quarterly has reached 200,000, the number of B. Y. P. U.s in the south is 7,000, or an average of one B. Y. P. U. to every three churches. Mississippi

is not behind the other states. Last year at the State Convention an increase of 100 per cent in the number of unions was reported. The goal for this year is an additional increase of 100 per cent. If we reach our goal, we will have more than 500 unions in the state.

Our plan for extension work is on the county basis. Live B. Y. P. U.s are going out and helping in the organization of unions wherever there is an opportunity. After several unions have been organized in a county, a county convention is organized. The county is divided into groups with a group captain over each group of churches, with the task of putting one or more B. Y. P. U.s in every church in his group. These county conventions head up in the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, which meets annually. Several counties have organized this summer and our state secretary plans to organize every county in the state in this manner. Let us as an association, as churches, and as individual members of these churches realize the need of training our young members and let us back up the program outlined by our board and B. Y. P. U. secretary.

Any information relative to the Junior B. Y. P. U. work, the Senior B. Y. P. U. work, or the county organization can be had from our State B. Y. P. U. secretary, Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss. Free literature on how to organize will be sent upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MAY.

The report on Hospitals was read by Elder E. B. Hatcher and adopted.

Report on Hospitals

On motion the clerk was instructed to call upon Elder G. S. Jenkins for the report on Publications.

Report on Publications

The report on Finance was read by H. P. Biggers and adopted.

Report on Finance

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

In reference to last year's minutes, the clerk made a statement for Brother Anderson, whose printing office had the matter in charge, to the effect that, owing to a lack of help in the office, it had been impossible to complete the work; that he had tried to get other printers to do the work, but none of them would undertake it for the funds available. On motion, the clerk was instructed to have necessary statistics for last year published in the minutes of this year, omitting other matter.

On request of Bro. A. L. Collins, a letter of dismissal was grant-

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ed to Beulah church in order that this church might join the Union County Association.

The thanks of the body were expressed to the people of Falkner and to the officers of the association. The clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes and to retain \$10 for his services.

All joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," during which the parting hand was extended. Closing prayer by Elder E. B. Hatcher.

J. W. CRUMP, Moderator.

J. J. McKINSTRY, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. C. Barnes	Hickory Flat, Miss.
L. F. Carmichiel	Ripley, Miss.
P. W. Caviness,	Falkner, Miss.
J. T. Cox,	Hickory Flat, Miss.
E. B. Crump,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
H. L. Davis,	Rt. 3, Ripley, Miss.
J. H. Gadd,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
S. V. Gullett,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
M. Gillean,	Ashland, Miss.
E. B. Hatcher,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. E. Houston,	Rt. 3, Ashland, Miss.
W. T. Lowrey,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. B. May,	Ashland, Miss.
W. G. Thompson,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
D. C. West,	Rt. 2, Ashland, Miss.
H. L. Whitten,	Rt. 2, Ashland, Miss.
G. W. Wages,	Blue Mountain, Miss.

The following is the Treasurer's Report for 1919:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance last year				\$ 2.00		\$ 14.80
Academy	\$ 54.37	\$ 53.88	\$ 2.00	\$.50	\$ 3.65	3.55
Ashland	21.00	14.00	20.00		4.50	
Bluff S. S.35		
Bethlehem						
Beulah	19.45					
Bluff Springs					2.26	
Canaan	2.27	2.26				
Curtis Creek	4.62	3.08				
Dumas			7.00			
Flat Rock	20.40	20.00		1.30		
Fellowship	30.87	19.92				
Falkner			16.65			
Harmony	11.48		20.00			
Hickory Flat						
Hunter's Chapel	5.30	5.30				
Lebanon	4.00	11.00				
Lone Oak	176.29	134.97	119.90	55.43	21.68	146.18
Lowrey Memorial	297.18	193.62	166.10	50.10		20.00
Lowrey Mem. W.M.U. ..	75.13	50.08	27.29			19.92
Lowrey Mem S. S. ..	2.65		1.05	2.00		
Lowrey Mem S'beams ..	3.00	50.00		38.25	3.25	2.50
Macedonia						
Mt. Hebron						
Mt. Olive	18.00	12.00	3.00			
Mt. Moriah						
New Hope						
New Prospect						
Oakland	15.58	10.72	1.50	.50		.50
Pine Grove						
Pleasant Hill (B)	6.93	7.23				
Pleasant Hill (T)						
Providence						
Ripley						
Sand Springs	32.50	27.50				
Shady Grove						
Tiplersville						
Union						
Union Hill	8.57	5.72				
Palmer	\$809.59	\$621.28	\$384.49	\$150.43	\$ 35.34	\$207.45
Total	\$809.59	\$621.28	\$384.49	\$148.43	\$ 35.34	\$207.45
Paid J. B. Lawrence..				2.00		
Balance						

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. BYRD, Treasurer.

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Academy	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5.00
Bethlehem	5.37	5.00		
Curtis Creek		8.00		
Falker	10.00	10.00		
Hickory Flat		1.00		
Lowrey Memorial	20.00		301.79	
Mt. Olive	2.10	2.50		3.00
New Hope	12.30	12.30		
New Prospect	3.25	1.65	1.60	
Pleasant Hill (B)	4.76	4.00	2.00	
Pine Grove (B)		1.50		
Shady Grove			20.00	
Pine Grove (T)		4.95	4.80	
Lebanon		2.30		
Mt. Hebron	2.50	3.00		2.50
Caanan			3.17	
Balance last year00
Col. at Association				8.91
TOTAL	\$ 60.68	\$ 56.20	\$333.36	\$ 21.41
Paid J. B. Lawrence	\$ 60.68	\$ 56.20	\$333.36	\$ 21.41

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. * This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

Article 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union, The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Article 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment and also showing the number baptized, received by letter dismissed excluded restored and died during the year with the whole number in fellowship.

Article 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members and then one for every fifty over that number.

Article 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered dropped by the Association.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

Article 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic and foreign missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Article 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Article 11. When the churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Article 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Association of the same faith and order.

Article 13. The Minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Article 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Article 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which is with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by emersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church—the elder, or pastor, and deacon.

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10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions. That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before his ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the Gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty and the exalted privilege of the believer to extend the Masters' kingdom by prayer, by personal effort and by the giving of money to the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in the future and general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall call a vote, and if a call for a division is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of mover and Association.

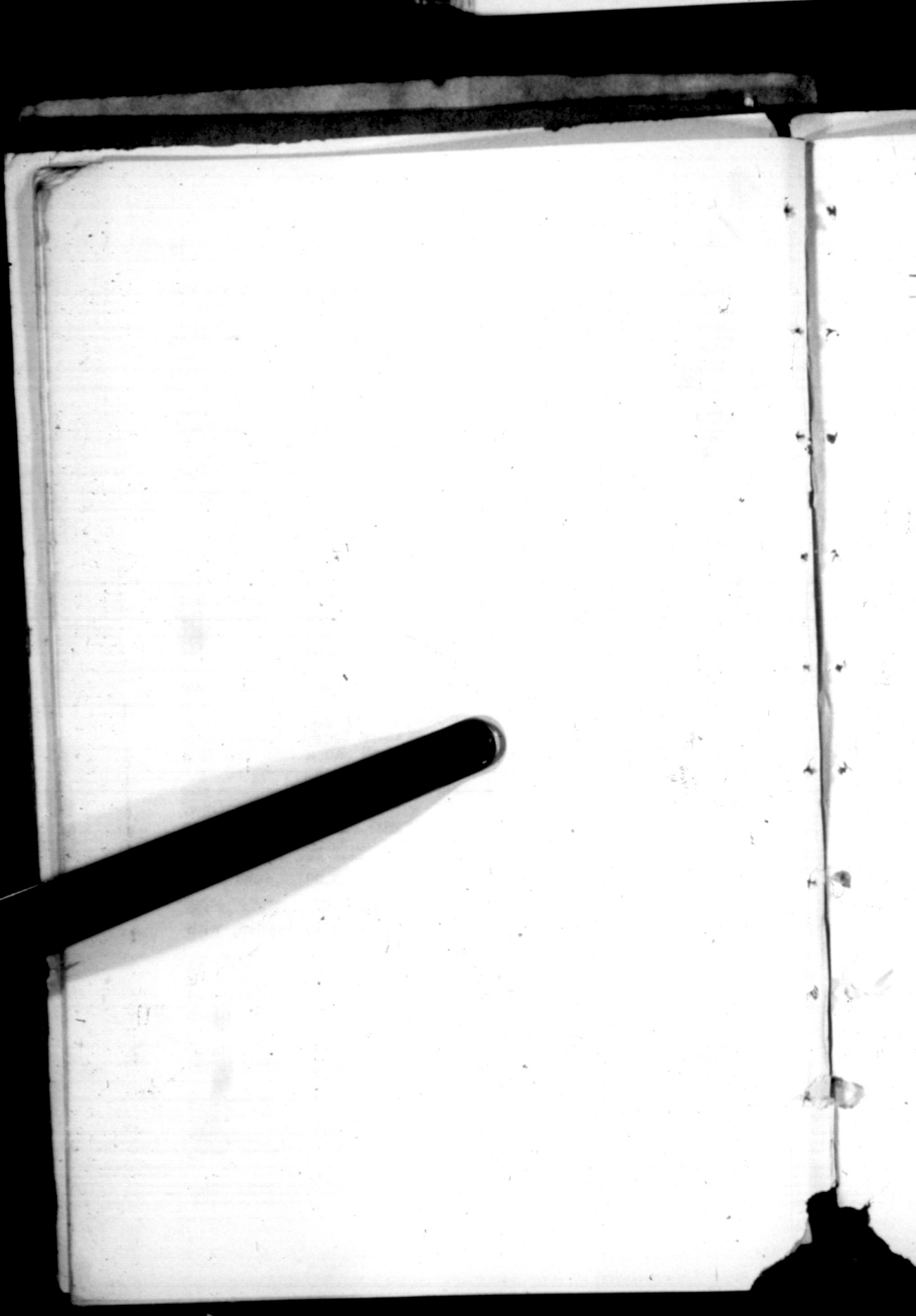
9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church, without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made by these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Delegates	Pastor	Clerk	S. S. Supt.	Post Office
Academy	W. H. McElroy, C. S. Britt	S. V. Gullett	J. E. Ratliff		Cotton Plant
Beulah	A. L. Collins	W. B. May	T. H. Robertson		New Albany
Bethlehem	?	H. L. Whitten	L. P. Stroup	S. A. Childers	Ashland
Curtis Creek		E. B. Crump	S. N. Dickerson		Ashland
Falkner	J. W. Wammack, P. S. McMullen, Milton Jameison	Harvey Gray	Gideon Watts	J. L. Street	Falkner
	Porter Moore, Mrs. R. H. Hobson	S. V. Glulett	L. G. Cossitt		Hickory Flat
Flat Rock	D. D. Hill, J. C. Jackson	L. P. Randolph	J. N. Wilbanks	R. A. Gatlin	Walnut
Harmony	R. L. Pulliam, H. A. Brotherton, Nat Childers, Wm. Barkley	J. H. Needham	D. N. Huddleston		Ripley
Hunter's Chapel	J. A. Lindsey, Etta Meadows, Mary Coley	E. B. Hatcher	A. M. Donnell	A. E. Gresham	Blue Mountain
Lowrey Mem'l	E. B. Hatcher, R. A. Kimbrough, Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, Frank Dunham, J. J. McKinsty	B. L. Crawford	W. L. Scott	Jesse Colter	Ripley
	W. L. Scott, W. McKimmon, Chas. Grisan	E. B. Crump	H. P. Biggers	Cal Bennett	Blue Mountain
Mt. Olive	H. P. Biggers, G. W. Dean	H. L. Whitten	M. R. Stark	T. W. Tate	Ripley
Macedonia	None Present	H. L. Whitten	T. W. Tate		Ashland
Mt. Moriah		J. H. Health	E. G. Whitehorn	A. S. Warmath	Saulsbury, Tenn.
New Hope	J. W. Pitman, G. Seawright, J. B. Mattox, M. Melton	G. W. Wages	J. D. Campbell		Walnut
New Prospect	A. S. Warmath, W. R. Rowland, J. V. Keith	W. B. May	I. M. South	J. B. Mathis	Ripley
Oakland	Oscar Murry, Jim Miskelley, J. Booker	E. J. Eubanks	W. C. Spencer		Ashland
Palmer	W. B. Smith	E. B. Crump	M. F. Duncan		
Pleasant Hill B.	G. F. Duncan	G. S. Jenkins	J. M. Renick		Hickory Flat
Pleasant Hill T.	J. W. Crump, Leslie Renick	Harvey Gray	Bob Ray	J. S. Horton	Tiplersville
Pine Grove B.	J. A. Tomlinson	H. L. Whitten	G. O. Duncan	A. C. Anderson	Ripley
Providence	J. A. Gurney, Mrs. W. M. Marsh, Miss Clara Rogers	None	W. C. Hobson	W. C. Hobson	Ripley
Ripley	Mrs. J. A. Gurney	G. S. Jenkins	O. T. Horton	N. P. Hollis	Tiplersville
Shady Grove	N. T. Pool, J. R. McInturff		W. Barger		Tiplersville
Tiplersville					
Union	G. S. Jenkins, Miss Mildred Barber, Hicks Powell				

STATISTICAL TABLE—(Continued)

	Increase		Decrease		
	Baptised	Letter	Letter	Deaths	Total
Academy	10				177
Beulah	13		1		114
Bethlehem			1		70
Curtis Creek	7				72
Falkner	17	9	4	1	218
Flat Rock	5	8	3	1	163
Harmony	4	2	3	1	157
Hunter's Chapel	12	1			19
Lowrey Memorial	52	55	78	2	25638
Mt. Olive	3			2	89
Macedonia		4	3		104
Mt. Moriah	19	5	8		7118
New Hope	4		3		50
New Prospect	3	2		2	126
Oakland	2	6			73
Palmer			5		104
New Hope (B)		6	5		79
New Hope (T)	113		8	2	231
Pine Grove (B)	10	2	2		181
Providence					

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES

Churches	Church Expenses	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanages	S. S. Expenses	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Other Benevolences	Total
Academy	\$114.30	\$200.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 53.88	\$ 54.37	\$.50		\$ 3.65	\$ 3.55		432.25
Ashland	2.00			15.50	17.50		25.00				60.00
Bethlehem	2.50			4.37	6.00						12.87
Beulah	16.50	100.00	14.82	14.82	29.66					39.00	114.80
Bluff Springs	110.00	75.00	5.71	3.66	14.57	2.74	5.50	.46	2.20	61.22	259.54
Canaan	9.00	90.00	5.00	5.06							109.06
Curtis Creek	114.50	50.00	16.00								130.50
Dumas											
Falkner	10.40	150.00	10.00	30.00	40.00	4.00	2.90	1.25			245.25
Fellowship	75.65	125.00		20.50	20.50						237.65
Flat Rock	1.25	125.00	7.25								133.50
Harmony	32.20	150.00									182.20
Hickory Flat	52.00	47.00		5.50	5.50						110.00
Lebanon	8.75	50.00	5.00	2.30	5.60						71.65
Lowrey Mem'l	3192.71	1500.00	313.34	378.68	553.24	107.53	137.19	26.68	817.00	19.92	7071.28
Macedonia	7.77	100.00		50.00	70.00	59.90	8.27				288.67
Mt. Hebron	2.00	125.00		20.50	9.90	3.00					160.50
Mt. Olive	27.00	50.00	1.00	6.05	1.00						85.05
Mt. Moriah											
New Hope		100.00	8.20	8.20	8.20						124.60
New Prospect	1.70	75.00	1.60	1.65	3.25						83.25
Oakland											
Pine Grove B.	39.50	64.50	4.00	10.72	15.58						127.95
Pine Grove	27.05	50.00	4.80	4.95							86.80
Palmer											
Pleasant Hill B.	18.00	50.00	2.00	4.76	4.00						78.76
Pleasant Hill T.	12.50	125.00									137.50
Providence											
Ripley	1553.00	700.00	28.73	51.16	51.16			600.00		344.12	3299.44
Shady Grove	12.00	100.00	20.00	32.00	28.00		10.00				192.00
Tiplersville											
Union	2371.60	400.00	91.50	80.00	80.00	34.26					2947.36
Union Hill											
Lone Oak	92.00	58.50		11.00	3.00						164.50
TOTALS	7907.88	4620.00	540.95	815.36	1021.03	211.92	188.86	27.04	6.75	464.26	15,804.06

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